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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAN AND THE IAEA

"And Brazil Abstains [from voting at IAEA on censuring Iran]"

Editorial in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (11-28) states: "Four days after Iran's leader, Mahmud Ahmadinejad, departed Brazil, Brazil's Foreign Ministry had the first opportunity to apply the principles of its foreign policy enunciated by President Lula before his Iranian counterpart. The result was frustrating....On Monday, before Ahmadinejad, President Lula reiterated his repudiation of atomic weapons, as inscribed in Brazil's Constitution. He defended the use of nuclear energy for peaceful ends, guided by international treaties. Apparently those were words thrown into the wind -- while Iran deviates from this route, Brazil's Foreign Ministry just omits it."  
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